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1. I AM SURE THAT THE SECRETARY AGREES THAT BECAUSE OF ITS CONTENT AND PARTICULARLY ITS TONE SOVIET NOTE CANNOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE TELL THE SOVIETS, I FEEL THAT WE MUST BE SURE OF OUR FACTS AND THEREFORE WE SHOULD INSIST THAT ISRAELIS INFORM US FULLY OF THEIR NAVAL ACTIVITIES ALONG LEBANESE COAST. YOU WILL NOTE THAT PERES DISCUSSED THESE IN SOME DETAIL WITH ME PRIVATELY AT LUNCH AUGUST 17 (TEL AVIV 5645). IF DINITZ HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO WITH SECY, I FEEL REASONABLY SURE THAT EITHER PERES OR RABIN WOULD IF PRESSED PROVIDE ME WITH FULL INFORMATION ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE INFORMED OF PRECISE NATURE OF SOVIET DEMARCHE. IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IN MY VIEW THAT WE NOT FLY BLIND ON THIS ISSUE. MEANWHILE, I SHOULD APPRECIATE A FULL REPORT ON SECRETARY'S TALK WITH DINITZ TUESDAY WHICH IS BEING WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN ISRAELI PRESS.

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